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Dr. Meisels is president of Erikson Institute, a graduate school in child development located in Chicago. He joined Erikson in 2002 after 21 years at the University of Michigan where he is now professor and research scientist emeritus. Before becoming a faculty member at Michigan, he was a professor in the Department of Child Study at Tufts University and director of the Eliot-Pearson Children's School at Tufts. A former preschool, kindergarten, and first-grade teacher, he has also been a senior advisor in early childhood development for the Developmental Evaluation Clinic of Boston Children's Hospital. He holds a doctorate from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

One of the nation's leading authorities on the assessment of young children, Dr. Meisels has published nearly 200 articles, books, and monographs and is co-author of the *Work Sampling System*, the *Early Screening Inventory•Revised*, and *The Handbook of Early Childhood Intervention*. He is also a developer on *The Ounce Scale*, an observational assessment for birth to three-year-olds and their families. His research focuses on the development of alternative assessment strategies for young children; the impact of standardized tests; and developmental screening in early childhood.

Dr. Meisels is past-president of the board of directors of ZERO TO THREE: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families and is an advisor to the national Head Start Bureau. He was a member of the National Academy of Science's Committee on Early Childhood Pedagogy and has served as a senior investigator for the national Early Childhood Longitudinal Study and the Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement. His honors include receiving the Richmond-Coleman Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics and delivering named lectures at Yale, Northwestern School of Medicine, and the Universities of North Carolina and Minnesota.